Project Spotlight:

Autonomous Recording Unit (ARU) Deployment and Analysis: In 2020, FLS initiated extensive ARU deployment in the North Cascades to support both the Pacific Northwest Research Station and the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest.

ARU's are becoming the standard for collecting and analyzing species data for threatened and endangered species and species of concern which inform records of decision during the NEPA analysis process. FLS staff, in partnership with USFS staff, have **deployed over 165**ARUs across the North Cascades since 2021, yielding over 41 terabytes of data to analyze.







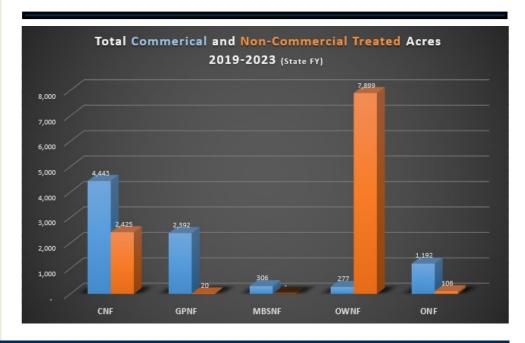
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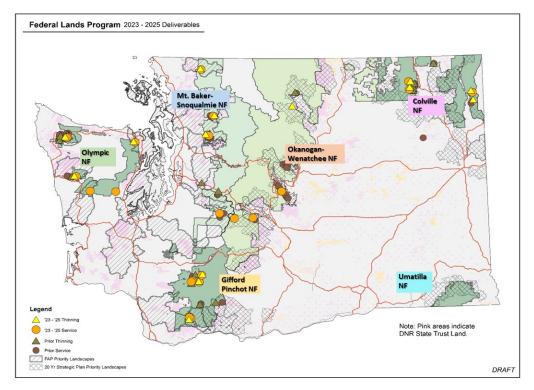
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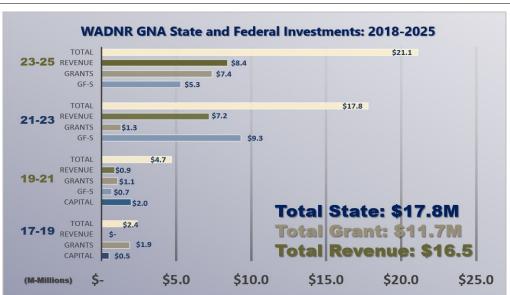


Washington State Department of Natural Resources Federal Lands Section (FLS) initiated their 23-25, biennial work plans in July of 2023 for **6 national forests and BLM lands** in WA, primarily using the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA). FLS staff will be conducting a broad array of restoration project types in Western and Eastern Washington, from hazardous fuels reduction work and forest road improvements to salmon habitat restoration and Northern Spotted Owl Surveys.

The 23-25, biennium brings new technology, like the **Green Climber LV800 remote slope-mower** seen above, and new expertise into the FLS, with full capacity now approximately **43 FTE**. Critical federal funding investments through the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)** and **Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)** have also landed, expanding leveraged project funding and finalizing staffing levels.







Federal Lands Program GNA Accomplishments 2019-2023	Eastern Washington	Western Washington	Total
Commercial Acres	4,720	3,890	8,610
Non-Commercial Acres	10,324	126	10,450
Volume (MBF)	39,240	57,409	96,649
Aquatic Improvement Projects (Count)	2	59	61
Deferred Maintenance (Miles)	96	191	287
Decommissioning (Miles)	15	32	47
NEPA Projects Completed	7	3	10

Statewide

4.0 FTE- Program 4.0 FTE -Operations 8.0 FTE - NEPA Statewide Support

GPNF

6.0 FTE 10,500 MBF 650 Acres 23 Rd Miles 7 AIPs 1 NEPA Projects

MBSNF

2.0 FTE 6,000 MBF 300 Acres 28 Rd Miles 7 AIPs 2 NEPA Projects

CNF

9.0 FTE 17, 500 MBF 8,500 Acres 6 Rd Miles 2 NEPA Projects

ONF

5.0 FTE 12,000 MBF 700 Acres 23 Rd Miles 8 AIPs 1 NEPA Projects

OWNF

6.0 FTE 4,000 MBF 5,900 Acres 5 Rd Miles 3 NEPA Projects

UNF and BLM

100 Acres 2 NEPA Projects

23-25' Budget Breakdown:

\$5.2M State

\$7.4M Grant (\$5.9M BIL/IRA)

\$8.5M Revenue

TOTAL \$21.1M

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